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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. AOTA, et al.
Serial No.: 10/560,225
Filed: DECEMBER 12, 2005
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Group AU: 1725
Examiner: Lynne Renee Edmondson
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment** in connection with the above-identified application.

[X] Also attached: PTO-2038 (Credit Card Payment Form)

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	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	26	- 22 =	4	x \$50 =	\$200.00
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Multiple Dependent Claim Fee	\$360.00				\$0.00
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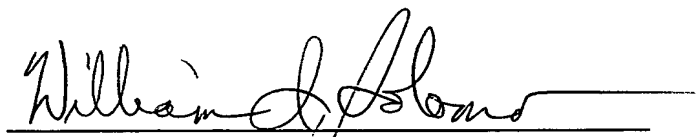


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In response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS; and

REMARKS are included following the amendments.